

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ANDY JAMES,

Plaintiff,

- v -

CITY OF NEW YORK, et al.,

Defendants.  
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**SCHEDULING ORDER**

15 CV 3657 (ERK) (PK)

**APPEARANCES:**

Plaintiff: Chaya M Gourarie, Esq. and Michael B. Lumer, Esq.  
Defendant: Elissa Paulette Fudim, Esq.

The above numbered matter having been referred to the undersigned for pretrial supervision and the preparation of the scheduling order required by Rule 16(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and a scheduling conference having been held with the parties, the following schedule is hereby established:

**1. FACTUAL DISCOVERY**

- a) Initial disclosures required by Rule 26(a)(1) have been made.
- b) All document requests and interrogatories have been made.
- c) All discovery of factual matters is to be completed by March 31, 2016.
- d) The above deadlines will not be extended unless the party seeking the extension makes a compelling showing that discovery could not be completed because of unforeseeable circumstances beyond that party's control.

**2. EXPERT DISCOVERY**

No expert testimony is anticipated by any of the parties.

**3. MOTIONS**

- a) Motions to compel discovery or to resolve other non-dispositive pretrial disputes shall be made by letter in accordance with Local Civil Rule 37.3(c).

No such motion will be entertained without a written certification that counsel have attempted to confer in good faith either by telephone or in person in an effort to resolve the dispute, as required by Local Civil Rule 37.3(a). **All such motions shall be made promptly after the dispute has arisen and no later than ten days after the expiration of the factual discovery deadline.**

- b) Motions to join additional parties, whether by amended or third-party complaint, shall be filed by December 1, 2015.
- c) The deadline for requesting a pre-motion conference for making dispositive motions is April 15, 2016. Any such motions shall be addressed to, and shall be made in accordance with the individual rules of practice of, the judge to whom the case is then assigned for trial.

**4. CONFERENCES AND OTHER MATTERS**

- a) A status conference will be held in person on February 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 322 North before Magistrate Judge Kuo.
- b) A final pretrial conference before the magistrate judge will be scheduled at the completion of discovery. A pretrial order, signed by counsel for all parties, shall be presented to the court at the conference. The pretrial order must comply with the requirements of the trial judge then assigned to the case.
- c) The pretrial order shall be prepared as follows: not later than 20 calendar days before the pretrial conference, the plaintiff(s) shall serve a working draft of the pretrial order on all parties; not later than 10 calendar days before the pretrial conference, all other parties shall serve working counter-drafts of the pretrial order on all parties; not later than 3 calendar days before the pretrial conference all parties shall meet and confer at the office of counsel for the defendant(s) to complete the final pretrial order.
- d) As meaningful settlement discussions will occur at the pretrial/settlement conference, clients or other persons with full settlement authority must attend in person or be available by telephone. In addition, not later than two weeks before the conference, the plaintiff(s) shall communicate a demand for settlement in writing to counsel for the defendant(s).

**SO ORDERED:**

***Peggy Kuo***

PEGGY KUO

United States Magistrate Judge

Dated: Brooklyn, New York  
November 24, 2015